



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023



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Prelude

The Processional Hymn

He is risen, he is risen!

H180

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity

Officiant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

The Collect for the Day

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The people may be seated.

The First Lesson

Acts 21:4a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone

whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

Dilexi, quoniam

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse

1. I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
2. The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow.
3. Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
10. How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?
11. I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.
12. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
13. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants.
14. O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
15. I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord.
16. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,
17. In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

I Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for

your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people standing.

Hymn

Glory be to Jesus

H479

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:13-35

A Reading from The Gospel according to Luke.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer

these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.



As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening, and the day is now nearly over.” So, he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

The Sermon

Mr. Brian Tracey

The Nicene Creed

All stand as they are able

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People, Form III

The people may stand or kneel

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Mike and Matthew, our Bishops, for Lou our priest, and for all
bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

In our Diocesan Cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Mark's Church, St. Albans
and St. Mark's Church, Berkley Springs.

We pray for all who are on our parish prayer list, and for any others that we
might now name, either silently or aloud

Pause

We pray for all who have died, especially our loved ones who have gone before us, and for any others that we might now name, either silently or aloud

Pause

We give thanks for all of the blessings of this life, for our family, friends and loved ones, and for any other thanksgivings we might now name, either silently or aloud.

Pause

Officiant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord *Amen.*

The Confession is omitted during Easter Season.

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of God's love.

Announcements



Offertory

Jesus Lives! thy terrors now

H195

After the offertory piece has been played the people stand and sing the familiar tune of the "Old 100".

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Officiant receives the offertory plate and places it on the credence table.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray the words our Savior Christ taught us:

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

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The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Elizabeth Clement and Linda Thomas. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us!



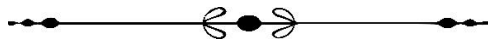
Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers: Dorene Dimes, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Bob and Peggy Walk, John Kersey, Martha Linkous, Jay Kephart, Buck Sowers, Donna Fortune, Ed and Gladys Fortune, Ivy and the Gaines Family, Fr. Russ Hatfield, Brian, Becky Steorts, Lane, Sherry, Scot, Max, Brad, Sandi, Joan, Mike Boosier, Pam Spracher, Barry Dinger, Joel Hammond, Martin and Ethan, Jim, Brenda Payne, and Joan Gray.

Participants in Today's Liturgy

<u>Officiant</u>	David Kersey
<u>Preacher</u>	Brian Tracey
<u>Organist & Choirmaster</u>	Terry E. Whittington, Jr.
<u>Acolyte</u>	Rob Merritt
<u>Lector</u>	Rob Merritt
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Chris Justice, Betty Nash, Linda Ammar



The Altar Flowers are given today for the greater Glory of God
by Tim and Maggie Mainland in memory of Phyllis and Joan.



Birthdays This Week: William Fortune, Staci Thomas, Dorene Dimes, and Eddie Fortune.

Attendance Last Sunday:

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Calendar of Events

Wednesday - April 26

Wednesday – May 10

Tuesday – May 16

Wednesday – May 17

Thursday – 18

Wednesday – May 24

Union Mission 3:30pm

Union Mission 4:00pm

DOK meeting 10:30am

Men's Dinner 6:00pm

Vestry Meeting 7:00pm

Food Pantry 9:00 -11:00am

Union Mission 3:30pm

Announcements:

Coffee Hour: A Coffee Hour host or hostess is needed for each Sunday in **May**. Sign up on the white board located outside the Library. Contact Mary Catherine Williams (276-326-2411) or mkw@dlwco.com if you have any questions. Thank you for helping Christ Church in this important ministry.

Recycling Program: Christ Church will be starting a recycling program soon. We need volunteers to take the items to a recycling truck at Mitchell Stadium every Thursday from 1-4 pm. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be in the narthex. Thanks for all who volunteer for this program.

Parish Life: There is a signup sheet in the Narthex for Parish Life. If you want to be a part of this very important ministry at our church, consider signing up. You can contact Mary Catherine Williams at mkw@dlwco.com or 276-326-2411 with any questions.

Sunday School Volunteers Needed: The Children's Sunday School will start up again next Sunday, April 30th, so please consider giving of your time for this ministry. There's a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

The Rev. Paul Barker

Ms. Emma Bennett

Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.

Mrs. Vanessa Hall

Mr. Becky Beckett

Mr. Peter Richardson

Pastor

Parish Administrator
Organist & Choirmaster

Sexton

Senior Warden

Junior Warden

